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SUBJECT: BUS BOMBED IN JERUSALEM

REF: JERUSALEM 0442

1. THE FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE OF REF BOMBING OF BUS IN JERUSALEM, AS REPORTED IN Wafa ENGLISH LANGUAGE BULLETIN ON FEBRUARY 15:
2. BEGIN TEXT. "A PALESTINIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE:
3. "FIRST: THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXPLOSION THAT TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY EVENING, 14/2/78, IN AN EGGED BUS IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK.
4. "SECOND: ACTING ON ORDERS, ONE OF OUR COMMANDO UNITS, THE MARTYR SALIM HANNA RIZK UNIT, ON THE EVENING OFFEBRUARY 14TH, PLACED A TWO KG. CHARGE WITH A TIMING DEVICE INSIDE AN EGGED

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BUS ON THE NO. 35 ROUTE WHILE IT WAS STOPPED INSIDE THE STATION. AT 9:20 P.M., AS THE BUS, WHICH WAS FULL OF PASSENGERS, WAS PASSING THROUGH THE GEOLA QUARTER IN THE BEN YAHUDA REGION OF JERUSALEM, THE EXPLOSIVES WENT OFF. THE ENEMY'S LOSSES INCLUDE THE DEATH OF TWO ISRAELIS AND THE WOUNDING OF MORE THAN 45, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BUS, AND DAMAGE TO SURROUNDING BUILDINGS.

5. "AFTER THE OPERATION, TRAFFIC WAS HALTED, AMBULANCES WERE RUSHED TO THE SCENE, AND A SEARCH FOR MORE EXPLOSIVES WAS CONDUCTED. TENS OF PALESTINIAN CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED. OUR COMMANDOS NEVERTHELESS RETURNED SAFELY TO BASE.

6. "THE ZIONIST AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THE INCIDENT ON RADIO ISRAEL AT 11:00 AND 12:00 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT, AND AT 8:00 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING." END TEXT.

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